

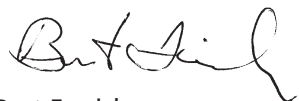
You are invited . . .

Each year, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) provide a unique opportunity to gain perspective on current issues, practices, and programs facing all of us with a role in the food aid delivery chain. The tsunami in the Indian Ocean focused international attention on the significance of basic human needs to the lives of many around our globe.

On behalf of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), and USAID, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend the seventh Export Food Aid Conference, to be held May 3-5, 2005, at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown in Kansas City, Missouri. Last year's conference attracted over 800 representatives from grain and processed commodity vendors, steamship and domestic transportation lines, private voluntary organizations, U.S. ports, trade associations, the World Food Programme, and government.

This year's theme, Strengthening the Food Aid Chain, will incorporate presentations and workshops to enhance participants' information and skills as we strive for even higher performance in food aid programs. I hope you will join us to participate in food aid discussions designed to improve communication and cooperation among government, private voluntary organizations, and agricultural industry representatives involved in providing export food aid.

Sincerely,



Bert Farrish
Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations
Farm Service Agency

Strengthening the Food Aid Chain

Keynote Address

Secretary of Agriculture
Mike Johanns - *invited*

Featured Speakers

- **Senator Pat Roberts - Kansas** - *invited*
- **Andrew Natsios**, Administrator, USAID
- **J.B. Penn**, Under Secretary of Farm & Foreign Agricultural Services
- **James R. Little**, Administrator, Farm Service Agency
- **Ellen Terpstra**, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service
- **Julius Coles**, President, Africare
- **John Powell**, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations World Food Programme
- **Maxx Dille**, Research Scientist, International Research Institute for Climate Prediction, Columbia University

Topics

- Strengthening the Food Aid Chain Through High Performance
- Implementing the President's Management Agenda for Food Aid
- The Changing Landscape of World Trade Negotiations
- International Projections of Weather and Insect Patterns
- Lessons Learned from Emergency Food Aid Operations
- Development-Relief Programming
- Building International Food Aid Coalitions
- Government Initiatives to Strengthen Humanitarian Aid

We Appreciate Our Industry Sponsors . . .

Reception

Port of Lake Charles, James J. Flanagan Shipping Corporation,
and Lake Charles Stevedores, Inc.

Continental Breakfasts

CSX Transportation and Transfer Logistics
Barwil Agencies (NA), Inc., SSA Marine, and Cooper T. Smith
Virginia Port Authority

Breaks

Jacintoport International, LP
Lykes Lines Limited, LLC
Waterman Steamship Corporation
P&O Nedlloyd/Farrell Lines
Maybank Shipping Company

Updated agenda available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daco/default.htm>

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Register online or FAX this form to **816-823-4034**.
- Registration deadline is **April 8, 2005**.
- **A registration form is required for each participant.**
- Registration fee is **\$150** per person if received by **April 15, 2005**. Payment at the door will be **\$200**.
- **No refund of registration fees will be made**, however, substitutions will be accepted.
- **Pay online by credit card or mail check drawn on a U.S. Bank payable to EFAC.** Include your organization's name and list each name for which payment is enclosed.



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NOTE: Your name, organization, phone number, FAX number, and Email address will be published as part of the conference material. If you prefer your FAX number or Email address NOT be published, please check the information you wish withheld. Direct comments and/or questions to Debbie Crow at deborah.crow@kcc.usda.gov or Sue King at sue.king@kcc.usda.gov or by phone: 816-926-6301.

Register online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daco/default.htm>

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Special Accommodations: ☐ Wheelchair Accessibility ☐ Other _____

☐ Hearing Impairment ☐ Visual Impairment _____

☐ Dietary Needs (specify) _____

☒ FAX ☐ MAIL

Hotel Information

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown at 200 West 12th Street in Kansas City. To make lodging reservations, call 816-421-6800 or 1-800-228-9290 and identify yourself as attending the USDA/USAID Export Food Aid Conference. Online reservations can be made at www.marriott.com/mcidx using Group Code: **UFSUFA**.

Room rate is \$98 plus tax for single or double occupancy. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. Cut-off date for making room reservations is **Friday, April 8, 2005**. Check-in time is 3 p.m. Checkout time is 12 noon.

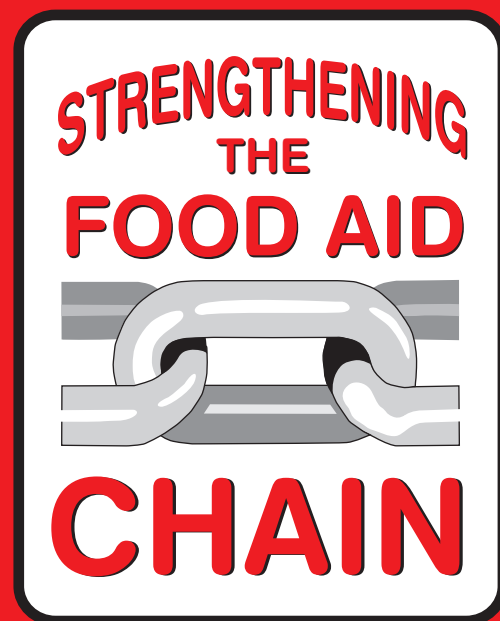
Ground Transportation

KCI Shuttle is available at the current rate of \$15 one way or \$25 round trip per person. Upon arrival at KCI Airport, locate the RED shuttle booth located near the baggage claim area or use the WHITE airport courtesy phone and dial 5000. Reservations are required in advance for your return trip and can be made by calling 816-243-5000. The hotel can provide shuttle schedules. Taxi service is also available for a higher rate.

Directions

From KCI Airport take I-29 South to 169 South (169 South turns into Broadway). Continue South on Broadway to 12th Street. Turn left on 12th Street. The Marriott Downtown is on your left in the second block. Approximate distance is 25 miles.

Self Parking: \$10 per day
Valet Parking: \$14 per day
Dress: Business/Business Casual
Average Temperature: 64 degrees



USDA & USAID Export Food Aid Conference VII

May 3-5, 2005
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Kansas City, Missouri